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SUBJECT
**INTEL/CAMLET
REPORT ON TOP LEVEL CHANGES IN THE FRENCH GARRISON IN BERLIN**

ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED BY C FROM CAMLET-1 ON 19 FEBRUARY. IT WAS GIVEN TO CAMLET-1 BY A FRENCH SOURCE WHO, ACCORDING TO CAMLET-1, HAS BEEN KNOWN TO HIM FOR A LONG TIME AND HAS BEEN ACTIVE ON THE POLITICAL PLANE IN WEST BERLIN FOR YEARS. C SPECULATES THAT THIS SOURCE MIGHT BE STEPHANIE ROUSSEL, BONN CORRESPONDENT FOR FRANCE SOIR, WHO SPENDS A LOT OF TIME IN BERLIN.

2. THIS REPORT IS NOT BEING SENT AS AN EGN BECAUSE WE FEEL THE SOURCING INFORMATION IS INSUFFICIENT.

3. FRENCH SOURCE STATED DURING A DISCUSSION ON 16 FEB THAT NOT ONLY THE FRENCH COMMANDANT IN BERLIN, GENERAL LACOMME, WOULD BE RELIEVED OF HIS DUTIES BUT ALSO HIS POLITICAL ADVISOR, MINISTER DE CHALVON. FURTHERMORE, FAR REACHING CHANGES ARE TAKING PLACE IN THE FRENCH STAFF IN BERLIN. NONE OF THE FRENCH MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL KNOWN FROM ONE DAY TO THE NEXT WHETHER THEY WILL STILL HAVE THEIR JOBS.

4. SOURCE SAID THESE CHANGES HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH EITHER FRENCH POLICY ON BERLIN OR ALLIED PRESSURES ON PARIS BUT ARE RELATED TO INTERNAL PROBLEMS. FRENCH MILITARY AND CIVIL ADMINISTRATION IS CHARGED WITH BEING SLOPPY AND NEGLIGENT. FRENCH APPARATUS WAS FUNCTIONING POORLY, AND THERE WAS NOT ENOUGH DISCIPLINE.

5. LACOMME'S REMOVAL WAS NOT RELATED TO THE ANTI-GAULLIST SYMPATHIES OF THE OFFICERS CORPS IN BERLIN OR THE NEW YEARS PARTY AT THE MAISON DE FRANCE WHERE THE OAS WAS ALLEGEDLY CHEERED.

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